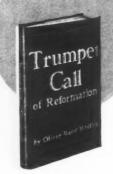
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Was It Just by Chance?

by Frank Ball

A Faith to
Live by

DOES God know when we need a boost, a lift, and arrange things? Or does he leave it entirely to chance?

I needed a few paragraphs to finish out one issue of a column I write for two county weeklies. It suddenly occurred to me to relate a rather unusual incident in my experience. My people were poor. My father was weeks dying and we depended on neighbors to come in and help Mother through this trying time.

They came, and among them a little blackhaired girl of perhaps 13. She didn't live here, didn't know the family, and knew few other people in town. She was just an orphan girl who had been shifted into the hands of relatives for a few months; then she would travel on to other relatives wherever she could find shelter.

But she, who had known neither Father nor Mother, came daily to be a blessing to mine. When Father died, she walked out of our lives and we remembered little about her except her name. Thirty-two years later, I still remembered, and wrote in the press that I would like to find her that I might thank her personally, something we had failed to do in the time of trouble and grief so many years before.

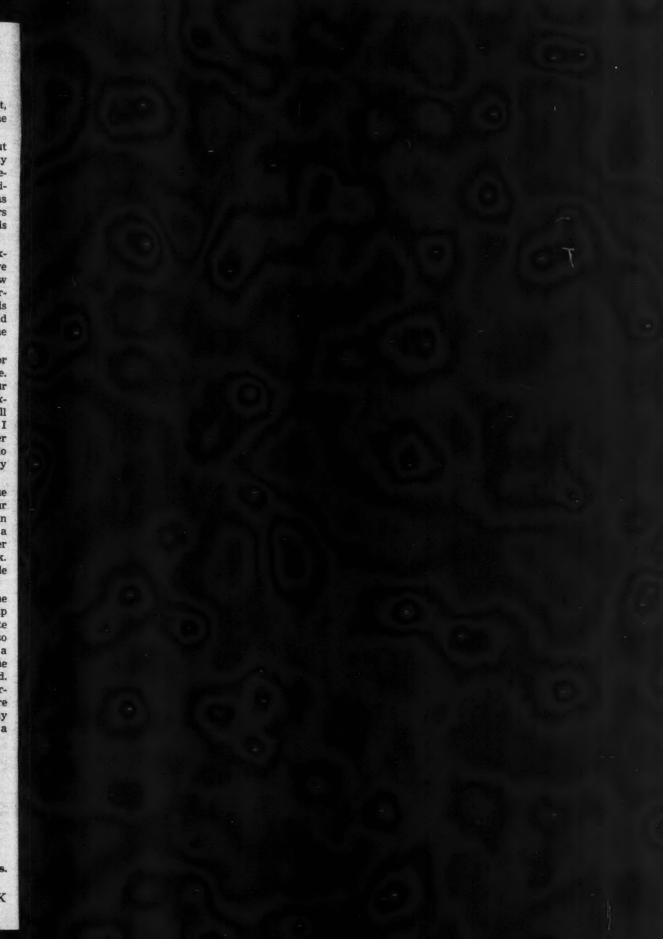
Only the week before I wrote of her, she had been the subject of an article in our state's largest newspaper. And someone in the little town in which she lived made a slurring remark about it that had hurt her feelings and caused her to be blue all week. Then the little paper carrying my article came out.

She read my column more to pass the time away than anything else. But she sat up suddenly when she read the touching tribute to the 13-year-old girl who had aided us so unselfishly so many years before. I got a long-distance telephone call at once—from the very town in which the paper was published. "The ink was hardly dry on your nice article," she said. "And never in my entire lifetime did I need a boost to my morale any more than I did today. And I never got a bigger one."

Voice of Experience

by M. A. Lazarides

When we are young we are very wise.
When we are old we compromise.
That's the whole truth of it.
Wisdom has youth in it.
Only the young ones have stars in their eyes.





WE BUILD IN CONFIDENCE

This adaptation of an address by Dr. John L. Davis is a timely reminder of the importance of facing the future courageously. It was delivered at the dedication of the education building of Wilshire Christian Church, Los Angeles, early this year.

PERHAPS the most shocking sentence to appear in print in years is the cynical pun of Mort Sahr in the New York Times: There is a bomb in Gilead.

The greatest fact of our period, however, is the lack of hysteria—the failure of our people to give way to cynicism and despair in the face of the terrible threat which exists, not only to all human property, organization and culture, but to human life itself; that men like the late John Foster Dulles continue to negotiate, to plan, to expect to find solutions for seemingly insoluble problems, and that organizations, secular and religious, continue to build great and beautiful and enduring structures like this which we dedicate today.

Sahr, by his arresting pun, has given voice to the infinite currents of pessimism and cynicism which run just under the surface of the ocean of human thought and aspiration, but these currents are alien to human life at its best and in its most healthy expressions. For events like the completion of this building declare without equivocation or doubt of any kind that the question raised in the eighth chapter of Jeremiah is to be answered with a resounding affirmation.

There is a balm in Gilead!

The beautiful and reassuring lines of the Negro spiritual ring with abiding confidence in our hearts even when there is no one close to sing them to our ears:

There is a balm in Gilead To make the wounded whole There is a balm in Gilead To heal the sin-sick soul.

by Dr. John L. Davis

President, Chapman College Orange, California It is in that faith we plan and continue to build our churches, synagogues and educational plants and our mercantile structures and our homes. If this faith were not present, we would, in today's threatening climate, put up our buildings as temporary, expendable,

utilitarian makeshifts in which we would find no place for beauty or permanence.

This structure (which combines so effectively function. beauty and symbol) which we have come together to dedicate to its high purpose, in which every aspect of a great program will find increased facility, effectiveness, and joyous accomplishment is, therefore, the expression of your faith in the presence, the character, the order and justice of God whom Jesus revealed as our loving Heavenly Father who is closer to us than breathing and nearer than hands and feet.

In that faith, you recognized the need for these classrooms, social facilities, offices and chapel. In that faith, the architects planned and labored to give substance to your vision. In that faith, the donors made their contributions and will continue to make them until the building is paid for. In this accomplishment, the humblest workman, whether he realized it or not, finds fulfillment and projects his labor into the indefinite future of the lives of boys and girls and men and women whom he will never know.

The greatest shock in history to the confidence which men find in their world was given by Copernicus in the sixteenth century when he proved that the sun, not the earth, is the center of the solar system. The neat, finite and comfortable world of the Ptolmys, pictured with such richness and beauty by Milton in Paradise Lost, was forever destroyed, and man found himself adrift on a small terrestrial sphere in illimitable space in which sun and earth and planets were drifting toward some unknown rendezvous.

We gradually reconstructed our attitudes to accept the new universe of Copernicus until man became at home again and entered into the remarkable, wonderful years of the nineteenth century—the magnificent hundred years which we have come to call the *Pax Britannia* in which the human family made

unparalleled a dvances in all branches of learning, art and science. Even with the shattering end of this remarkable period by the outbreak of the First World War in 1914 and the Russian Revolution of 1917, it seemed for a time that the great movement toward unlimited progress would be resumed.

For a brief time, all too brief, we were sure that war had been

God's Summer Gifts by Marie Daerr

Sun to stroll in. Rain to cool.

Mirror-quiet woodland pool. Whisper of a leaf-green limb.

Shadows that lie soft and dim.

Meadows clover-carpeted.

White clouds racing over-head.

Climb of hill and valleys' fall.

Ivy thick upon a wall.

Butterfly with patterned wing

Gracefully meandering

Down the curving gardenwalk.

Birds' staccato, cheerful talk.

White, majestic lily bloom Scattering its fair perfume. Crimson roses on a fence... All are God's benevolence!

outlawed and abolished, that poverty would be conquered all over the earth, that disease would yield to science and devoted research and enlightened medical practice. Science, too, seemed to be capable of establishing a new bond of international and intercultural unity so that some people attempted to deify science and created a new religion which we have come to call scientism.

And then, out of the devoted, disinterested research of pure science, came the horrible applications of atomic fission and now

thermonuclear explosion. Out of America, of all places, came the horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Man had achieved the ultimate in destructive power. He had created a new world in which fear—stark, naked terror of man's power to deal out death to the entire human family—had become the greatest potential fact.

But fear and hysteria have not triumphed! Far from it. We have continued to build in beauty, in integrity, in faith, and we continue to live in the light of these basic assumptions about life, and about the nature of the universe in which we live, and the character of the God whom we serve.

We must face up to and continue to wrestle with the dynamic principle of evil which requires all our energy, intelligence, faith and spiritual power to defeat. We dare not adopt the comforting idea that evil is negative—the mere absence of good as darkness is the absence of light.

We must never allow evil to blind us to the values which lie all about us like dew-pearled flowers on a spring morning which proclaim God's love.

This building proclaims to all who will use it, see it or read about it that we are not creatures lost and adrift on a meaningless planet. We are children of God, the Ancient of Days, who created this and all other worlds. In him, indeed, we live and move and have our being. And his love we shall find all-sufficient and all-embracing, so that the terror of the night shall not overcome us, but rather the light of his presence shall shine upon us even when we have cause to be most fearful.

With undiminished faith, we shall continue to sing "there is a balm in Gilead that makes the wounded whole"—and we shall continue to build to the glory of God our structures that the kingdom of our Lord may be carried to every child of God in city, town and village throughout the earth.

Editorials

Do You Tag Them?

YOU seldom see travelers with tags on them any more. Not many years ago it was a fairly common sight. Both children and elderly people were shipped with full instructions. They always got there safely.

Since 1945 America has become a land of people on wheels. By the time we had seen every one of the states, it was such a commonplace that we could do no boasting. Then two new states were added to tempt us a bit further.

No church worker, in the city or in the country, has to be told what this mobility of population has done to church rolls. Opening the Year Book at random, the first church record our eves fell upon listed 204 "nonresident members" and only three times that many "active members."

Such figures include a few non-residents who are in touch with the church. We fear that the figures represent a majority who are simply gone, without contact either with their former church home or with a church where they are now living.

If this is true generally, it is more true specifically, the farther east one travels. Do you tag your members when they move to another city, and inform the churches there to be on the lookout for them when they ar-

We know full well the problems involved. If the family has been active in the leadership of the church, everyone knows when the move takes place. In such a case, though, the family makes its own connections immediately upon arrival.

The problem is the member who has only a small part in the fellowship of the church. If he belongs to a one-minister church with five hundred members or more the chances are that he receives no more than two pastoral calls a year. In between these two calls, he may be gone and even the neighbors may not know where he moved.

We sympathize with the spirit of the letter to the editor on this subject (page 30). The solution is not easy. The chances are heavily weighted against the possibility that any member like the one described in the paragraph above will read this editorial. And the pastor who reads it may just get a worse sense of frustration than he had.

What, then, can be done? First, there are moves that are well known. Some church school class probably gave a farewell party, and there was mention of the move in the church paper or in the pulpit. In these instances, there is simply no excuse for failure to notify the church in the new locality about the move.

Do you realize that our Year Book lists 42 cities (pages 267-269) which have a cooperative organization of our churches? Both a president and a secretary are listed for most of them. These people are eager to hear of the arrival of transfer members and are only too glad to contact both the new members and their nearest congregation and minister.

Second, it is generally true that a family moving to a new city will visit the best-known church (because it is downtown, or the oldest, or the largest) at least once before settling down. The least we can do is to alert the minister at East End, Pittsburgh; Park Avenue, New York; or Third Church, Philadelphia, and such. Sooner or later the newcomer will show up there, and should be expected.

Third, like every other problem in the life of the church, we shall have to be satisfied with something less than a perfect solution. But we must not be defeated, utterly. have our families join churches of other faiths because they did not know our church was organized in their community is a sign of poor cooperation. To have them drift into the secular whirl of "good people" without any church commitment at all is disastrous.

Out of This World

7E HAVE been captivated by a statement V of Mr. Paull Dixon in his presidential address to the Florida convention recently. Speaking of the conditions existing in the present world, Mr. Dixon said, "Our choice lies between two alternatives, both of which are 'out of this world'-the H-bomb and the gospel of Christ."

For us, as for the speaker, there is really no alternative. Sometimes it seems as if this world believes the first alternative is either more workable, cheaper, or the only one that has a chance. Christians know the latter is the real choice. How can we make the world believe this?

An analysis

of the choice and functioning

of a multiple ministry

for the functional church



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one staff

one job

by J. Clyde Wheeler

M ODERN churches are complex organizations. And the larger the congregation, the greater is the necessity for increased, trained staff personnel. The larger and more complex the organization, the more necessary become specialists in the various fields to make for a successful operation.

Most growing churches have more than one staff member. Even small congregations will have, in addition to the minister, one or more volunteer workers who can accurately be classified as members of the staff. Such persons may be a part-time director of religious education, a janitor, or a secretary. Or, it may be that the person is the organist, choir director, or financial secretary.

Before discussing staff further we must first recognize the fact that the church must always be the Church—God's agent for saving the world. It must be the body of our Lord, drawing men to him and to his way of life. It must be an evangelistic power, turning men from the world toward Jesus Christ and his saving help. It must be an educative force, taking newborn babies and little children along the path of constructive, healthy Christian living, and of influencing youth to dedicate their lives for good, and of changing adults—taking them where they are and leading them to where God would have them go.

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No "specialist" must ever become so aware of his function as a manipulator of a magnitude of details that it becomes a detriment to the real purpose for which he has given his life, and for which God has given mankind the church. Whatever he does, the minister must keep this danger before himself and before those who work with him.

Good church staffs do not just happen. Whether they are volunteer or paid, efficient staffs are the result of careful thinking, planning, prayer and work. A clarification of this fact seems highly important when one hears so often the remark, "Anybody could do a good job and have a good church with a going program with a staff like you have." Such a statement often comes from one who has scarcely stopped to consider the time and the elements that have gone into the building of a staff, one that is tailored to fit a given situation.

There are some helpful suggestions that we, out of our own experiences, might well share with each other. Choosing staff members wisely requires a careful study. The study should include the job to be filled. Define it. What is to be covered in the position? What is to be accomplished? It is important that the minister, and the committee which assists him in his effort, understand as nearly as possible the exact nature of the work to

be assigned a staff member. This means spelling out responsibilities.

Then a study must be made of the individual to fit the job. Ordinarily this cannot be done in haste. It usually requires time and effort. It is only fair to both the church and the individual that every care be exercised in fitting the individual into the right place in the right job.

A second suggestion is to allocate responsibility. It does happen, but let's hope not too often, that the new person coming on a church staff will be told, "Now, you go your way and I'll go mine, and we should get along just fine." Surely such a statement suggests an attitude that is a near certainty to lead to disruption, unhappiness and failure, both for the job and the new staff member. Allocation of responsibility does not mean the end of working together-it means the real beginning of it.

The head of a staff, along with his cooperating committee, must take seriously the responsibility of training the new staff member. It is both unwise and unfair to take for granted that the newly arrived person knows his job as well in the beginning as he will later-when he comes to know it with the passing of time and the accumulation of experience.

It is expedient to assume that a new person, regardless of how complete his academic training may be, has to be acclimated to a new position in new surroundings.

The new person cannot be expected to take hold of his new assignments and discharge his many responsibilities without sufficient time to know his colleagues, his job and the people. Slow, careful, patient training is necessary.

The staff must work cooperatively. Understanding the purpose for which the church exists, understanding individual responsibility, and understanding each other, all become important in the proper functioning of a staff engaged in directing the proper functioning of a church organization.

The church has a right to expect of its paid workers that as individuals they produce results. rather than make excuses. A church staff member is under as much obligation to give an account of his time and of his endeavors as is a person in any other job or profession. However, the person who directs the staff should not need to continually remind those who work with him of their individual responsibilities. Once proper allocation of responsibilities has been accomplished and sufficient time has elapsed for individual staff members to understand what they are called and trained to do, constant goading should be unnecessary.

A whole staff must be made to see that a whole job, one job, is being done. Each member, although assigned to a specific responsibility and area of work, has at all times before him the total role of the whole church. Each knows something about the responsibilities of the other, and each

PRAYER FOR A NEW STATE by Grace W. McGavran

God, bless Alaska as we put Another star upon our banner bright. Bless all her leaders that she may Be always ruled by justice and by right.

God, grant that all her people choose The higher road. Whenever there may be A lower road on which to walk. O let them choose the road that leads to Thee.

Grant them the holy strength to grow Fearless and good and joyous as they prove Their state to be a brotherhood indeed, Young, strong and worthy of Thy constant love.

exhibits a readiness to be of help to the other.

It has been my pleasure to be minister of a growing church for a period of more than twelve years. I have had the greatest joy of my life being a part of a congregation that has grown in membership, in vision, in giving and in a spirit of serving Jesus Christ at home and around the world.

It has been a challenge to share in the development of a staff of three (minister, secretary and custodian) to a fine working group of twelve. Now we have, in addition to the minister, an associate minister, minister of Christian education, business manager, secretary, minister of music, organist, hostess, assistant hostess, custodian and assistant custodian, and a service-link missionary. In addition to these, we have paid workers for some of our nursery staff and some of the soloists in our chancel choir are paid. Working with us is a host of outstanding lay leaders, who believe in training for their tasks to get the work done.

We have a weekly staff meeting, at which we have scripture, prayer, and open discussion on future plans, program, and allocation of responsibility for fulfilling those plans. We air our difficulties and seek to find solutions to our problems. Such a procedure is just as workable for a staff of two or three as it is for a much larger group. It is also just as important.

Working for a church can be the most thrilling and exciting experience imaginable. And working with a staff toward the fulfillment of one's dreams and the dream that was in the heart of God when he gave mankind the church, can be the happiest and most rewarding experience to be desired. A minister may do a good job without help, but he can do much better with an adequate staff of loyal co-workers.



New States Welcomed Growing Program Evident

World View by National Council Board

SEATTLE, WASH.—With Seattle the gateway to Alaska and Hawaii, a new note of emphasis on the cooperative movement in the churches of our newest states marked the two-day spring session of the general board of the National Council of Churches.

The Council policy-makers gathered here, June 3-4, learned that the Alaska Council of Churches has been reconstituted and has asked the National Council's division of home missions for a church planner to help formulate its state-wide Protestant strategy.

Today the Honolulu Council of churches enrolls 82 member churches and is virtually self-sup-

porting.

The welcome to the churches of Alaska and Hawaii, and a civic luncheon attended by Governor and Mrs. Albert D. Rosellini, Mayor and Mrs. Gordon Clinton, and leaders of business, civic, welfare and religious groups highlighted the significant place of the churches in the life of the Pacific Northwest.

Business sessions of the Board produced several resolutions and a pronouncement urging the American churches and the nation to consider the implications in the proposed "Christian Amendment" to the U.S. constitution. The Board reaffirmed its "support of religious freedom for all people."

It pointed out that the amendment would confuse the issues involved in the principle of separating Church and State and could lead to the denial of religious liberty of non-Christian Americans. Further, that it could embarrass the relations of Americans churches and the nation with the world majority of non-Christians and that it down-grades the fundamental religious and theological concepts in the word "Christian."

The first section of the proposed amendment as introduced in the 83rd, 84th and 85th Congress states that "this Nation devoutly recognizes the authority and law of Jesus Christ, Saviour and Ruler of nations."

The Board's pronouncement, adopted by a 59-1 vote, pointed out that "previous attempts to maintain 'Christian states' . . . have

failed in disillusion. They have frequently denied general liberty, and religious liberty in particular, to all who did not belong to the dominant body of Christians. . ."

▲ CHURCH PEOPLE in America were called on by the general board to give generously to aid the refugees from revolt-torn Tibet through the Tibetan Refugee Emergency Fund set up by the National Council and to pray for their wellbeing. In a special resolution adopted unanimously, the General Board condemned the Chinese attack on Tibet as a "violation of human rights and religious liberty, and a betrayal of international agreements."

The general board expressed its "profound sorrow for the people of Tibet suffering under Chinese Communist oppression," and reaffirmed "the consistent position of the National Council of Churches expressed in many official actions opposing the evils, the violence and the violation of human rights by Communist and other tyrannies."

In another action the Board urged its 33 constituent communions to support all efforts to encourage employment of handicapped persons.

A. H. EDWIN ESPY, associate general secretary, announced to the Board a gift of \$25,000 for the establishment of the John Foster Dulles Library and Research Center at the Council's new headquarters in the new Interchurch Center, to be occupied in New York City next September.

This first contribution for the creation of a working library and research center was made by the partners of the law firm, Sullivan and Cromwell, of which Mr. Dulles was a member from 1911 to 1949.

▲ WORLD ISSUES claimed wide attention of the board. America has a moral responsibility to resettle 20,000 of the world's refugees in this country each year, R. Norris Wilson, executive director of Church World Service, the Council's refugee and relief agency, reported upon his return from a five-week survey of this work in the Far East.

Dr. Wilson said he would consider

it a "source of very great tragedy" if the present Congress does not renew refugee legislation and make further provision for the entry of additional refugees.

Dr. Dahlberg, principal speaker at a civic luncheon, called for a new kind of summit conference "to cleanse the soul of our generation." This conference, he pointed out, must be a "summit conference with Almighty God."

Dr. Dahlberg lashed out against obscene literature, described its traffic as "a calculated attack, for the sake of financial profit, on the very character of our nation."

▲ In the General Secretary's report, Dr. Espy announced that a nation-wide program of education and action for peace is ready to be launched through the churches July 1. He reported in his six months' review of Council progress that social action units of the member denominations are cooperating in the year-long peace program throughout the country.

Barth, Pope Honored



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GENEVA—Dr. Karl Barth (left), noted Swiss theologian, and Dr. Liston Pope, dean of Yale University Divinity School, were honored with doctor of theology degrees by the University of Geneva at a celebration here marking its 400th anniversary.

Dr. Barth was cited as "the theologian who, more than any other, has rendered this generation conscious of the richness and power of the thinking of the Reformers."

Dean Pope, the only American among 24 degree recipients, was hailed as "one of the most outstanding theologians of the New World in the field of religious sociology and social ethics."





NEWS IN BRIEF

46 WORK CAMPS

New YORK—Two hundred American church youths will join 800 young people from other nations in 46 ecumenical work camps in 27 countries this summer. Now in its 13th year, the program is sponsored by the World Council of Churches' youth department.

These projects include rebuilding of a war-destroyed YMCA campsite in Germany, constructing a church parish hall in Austria and creating a playground near Marseilles, France, and another in Hong Kong.

AGAINST RECOGNITION

DES MOINES, IA.—Non-recognition of Red China by this country and the United Nations was supported by the American Baptist Convention, 245 to 234, after a heated debate at its 52nd annual meeting here.

"We support the policy of our government in denying diplomatic recognition to Communist China," the convention said, "and support the policy of our State Department and United Nations in refusing to seat the regime of Communist China until such time as it proves itself worthy of recognition."

HITS RACIAL "FORCE"

Macon, Ga.—District superintendents of the eight South Georgia Methodist districts issued a composite report stating that force in the racial issue—legal or ecclesiastical—cannot produce the answer to the problem facing their people.

The report was presented to the annual South Georgia Methodist Conference meeting at Wesleyan College here.

"COMING TOGETHER"

HARTFORD, CONN.—The president of the National Council of Churches asserted here that the unity of the churches in American Protestantism is a "solid reality," and that Christ is "the chief cornerstone of that reality."

"The churches are coming together, and they intend to stay together," Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg of St. Louis, Mo., assured delegates and visitors to the 100th annual synod of the Augustana Lutheran Church.

Addressing an evening session of the convention, Dr. Dahlberg stressed that the National Council has no intention or desire to establish "some totalitarian ecclesiastical system—a kind of Protestant Vatican," or to become a "super church."

UNMARRIED MOTHERS

Washington, D. C.—At least 201,700 unmarried mothers in this country gave birth to live babies in 1957, the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare reported here.

It said the total represents a new record and an increase of 8,200 over the previous high set in 1956.

BAPTISTS ELECT

DES MOINES, IA.—Dr. Edwin H. Tuller of New York was unanimously elected general secretary of the American Baptist Convention at its 52nd annual meeting here.

Dr. Herbert J. Gezork of New Center, Mass., was elected president of the Convention. President of Andover Newton Theological School since 1950, he succeeds Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge of Portland, Ore.

ENEMY: MATERIALISM

DES MOINES, IA.—Materialism, not Communism, is the "fundamental enemy" of Christianity, Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Frank A. Tobey, chief of Army chaplains, declared at the annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention here.

"Whether we like it or not, war has become the preoccupation of our time," he told some 10,000 delegates and guests. "Communism, as we see it today, is materialism in its most active, violent and ruthless form."

NOT WARMED OVER

SYDNEY—Associate evangelist Jerry Beavan declared here that critics of Billy Graham's Australian Crusade were incorrect when they claimed "the same old church-goers were warmed over again."

He said 76 per cent of the 56,-000 Sydney people reported making "decisions for Christ" did so for the first time,

BERLIN WORK CAMPS

BERLIN—Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish youths will take part in several work camps conducted this summer under the sponsorship of the Berlin Council of Christians and Jews in a West Berlin park area.

The camps aim at "bringing together young people of various denominations for work and recreation in order to destroy religious, racial, national and social prejudices and misunderstandings."

CHAPEL IN HAWAII

HONOLULU—H a w a i l's first permanent military chapel for Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish servicemen and women and their families was dedicated at a ceremony at Hickam Air Force Base.

Also opened during the ceremony, attended by military personnel and citizens of the 50th state, was a companion religious education unit.

MASS MEDIA APPEAL

New York—Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish clergymen here joined in urging their congregations to encourage the mass communications media to improve the moral and spiritual climate of the city.

The appeal was made in support of a report sent to Mayor Robert Wagner by a committee of 105 clergymen of the three religious bodies who declared that some segments of the mass media industries—newspapers, magazines, radio and television—are impairing the city's moral and spiritual climate.

Among Protestant clergy joining in the pulpit appeal was Dr. Hampton Adams of Park Avenue Christian Church.

DRYS IN ONTARIO!

SARNIA, ONT.—More than 200,-000 persons have signed total abstinence pledges in the London Conference of the United Church of Canada, it was reported at the group's 35th annual meeting here.

Denver Convention Preview

THE DENVER ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES CAN BE A "FAMILY AFFAIR" according to a news release from the department of public relations.

The assembly, slated Aug. 28-Sept. 2 will include one-convention sessions for high school and college age young people as well as activities for younger children during the six-day convention. The care for pre-school children is being arranged for a small fee.

The traditional convention highlight will be the Communion service scheduled on Sunday afternoon.

"Called to His Purpose," the theme of the convention assembly, will be the subject of the opening night presidential address by John Paul Pack, minister of University Christian Church in Seattle.

▲ On the second day of the assembly fellowship forums are being held for the Christian Women's Fellowship, the Christian Men's Fellowship, and the ministers. The CYF meeting will meet at the Theatre of the Red Rocks, located near Denver.

Prior to the Communion service a program for church board members is being held. On the other three days delegates will have the opportunity of meeting missionaries and nationals from various world fields.

Young people will have informal "after-session" meetings on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

▲ Eight "functional forums" will supplant the old "Sharathons"—corresponding in subject to the functional departments of the church. The forums will be held on Tuesday afternoon.

Throughout the assembly the business of the convention will be considered, and reports of agencies will be reviewed and approved. All items are first cleared through the Committee on Recommendations before they are submitted to the general assembly. Chairman of the committee is K. Everett Munson, minister, First Christian Church, Maywood, Ill., Robert W. Burns, minister, Peachtree Christian Church in Atlanta, Ga., will again serve as parliamentarian.

The convention song leader is Ernest Lawrence of Fort Worth. Special music is being provided by the University Christian Church choir of Seattle; the Chapel choir Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Ore.; the choir of the South Broadway Christian Church, Den-

ver; and the combined choirs of the Denver area Christian Churches.

Some of the evening speakers are: Dr. Joseph Sittler, a professor at the Federated Theological Faculty of the University of Chicago; Dr. Liston Pope, dean of the Divinity School of Yale University, New Haven, Conn.; and Dr. Perry E. Gresham, president of Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va., who will be the final speaker of the 1959 assembly with a message titled "The Campbell Heritage Is But Prologue."

Some evening sessions will include dramatic presentations of the plans for the "Decade of Decision" for the 1960's and the contemporary religious drama "Christ in the Concrete City" which will be presented in the Theatre of the Red Rocks, Saturday evening. Alfred R. Edyvean of Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, will direct the drama.

▲ The assembly will hear a report of the current Long Range Program through a panel to be moderated by Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet, president of the Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis. The panel members are Spencer P. Austin, executive secretary of Unified Promotion, Indianapolis; Earl H. Van Doren, executive secretary for the Washington Christian Church es, Seattle; and W. A. Welsh, minister of East Dallas Christian Church, Dallas.

This year the annual lecture series, usually concerning some aspect of Disciple history traditionally delivered by a historian or scholar, will be the work of three men, each of whom will speak on Thomas and Alexander Campbell and the relevance of the Declaration and Address. Lecturers will be: Lester G. McAllister, provost of Bethany College, Louis Cochran, author of the Fool of God, biography of Alexander Campbell; and Richard M. Pope, professor of church history at The College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky.

Day session speakers will include: Jack V. Reeve, stewardship secretary, Unified Promotion, Indianapolis; W. B. Blakemore, dean, The Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago; Frank F. Drowota, pastor, Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville, Tenn.; Howard C. Cole, pastor, Englewood Christian Church, Yakima, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Green, Iraternal delegates, Cheshire, England, president of 1960 World Convention, Edinburgh; Richard Lentz,

national director, Family Life Section of the Department of Religious Education, United Christian Missionary Society, Indianpolis; Ralph T. Palmer, executive secretary, Department of Missionary Selection and Training, United Christian Missionary Society, Indianapolis.

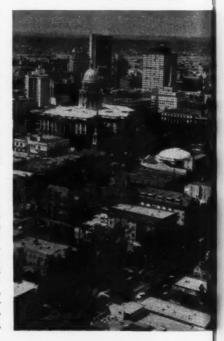
▲ Participating in panel discussion on problems of higher education will be: Parker Rossman, associate professor, Yale Divinity School, and director of Disciple Divinity House, New Haven, Conn.; W. Jackson Jarman, minister, University Place Christian Church, Champaign, Ill.; Orville W. Wake, president, Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va.; Earl W. Waldrop, minister, Central Christian Church, San Antonio, Tex.

Each morning of the convention, a five-minute "Voice of Missions" will be heard, highlighting particular mission activities around the world.

According to the International Convention office, hotel accommodations are still available in Denver but rooms are going rapidly. Ample space is still available in motels, with some accommodations open in private homes. Early registration and housing reservation are encouraged.

Pre-Convention adult registrations are \$4 per person, with a \$2 registration fee for students. Adults registration fee will increase to \$5 during the convention. Student registrations will remain at \$2.

-Portion of Denver Skyline



The Hinge of Fate in Asia



by Robert A. Fangmeier

Communist China produced its first automobile last year and at least a few experts would not be surprised if it entered the space age in the next few years by the launching of a satellite. This report and forecast is the story of an immense "leap forward," a phrase the Chinese leaders use to describe their movement in one decade from semifeudalism and political anarchy toward a modern industrial state.

With considerable help from the Soviet Union, totalitarian China seems almost certain to outdistance its democratic rival in Asia, India, unless a truly visionary program of foreign aid is forthcoming immediately from the free world.

Commenting on the impact of the Chinese revolution, A. Doak Barnett of the Council on Foreign Relations, Inc., recently told a Church Consultation on China that "In a sense, the ability of a handful of revolutionary leaders exercising totalitarian power to harness the energies of millions of human beings really adds a new and in some respects alarming dimension to concepts of political power. It may well have as much impact upon the history of [the world] as our new-found ability to harness the physical energy trapped in the atom."

What has totalitarian power accomplished in China beside making an automobile and poking its head into the space age? Mr. Barnett reminds us that "they have established a strong

central government with the capacity and the will to make revolutionary decisions and then to implement them. Finally, they have built a party-government-army-structure of power which has extended centralized control down to the level of the village and the individual in China in an unprecedented fashion."

China's economic development is almost unbelievable but even if official figures are only half-believed they represent a greater industrial growth than any nation of modern times. Mr. Barnett cited the progress during the 1953-57 period when China "roughly doubled the value of gross industrial output, and increased gross agricultural output by about one-quarter. They also claimed to have increased national income by almost one-half . . . at the rate of about nine per cent per year."

This whole program has not resulted in any significant rise in living standards in China.

India is a democratic state. Unlike Communist China, it cannot compel allegiance to its plans to build a better world. Like all democracies, it must educate and persuade the many diverse groups within its borders of the virtues of its proposals.

Everyone familiar with the agencies of the birth of a new idea under the democratic process will sense the difficulties and dilemmas of the Indian leaders. We can be confident in our western minds that democracy is the

best means to the end which the people of Asia seek. At the same time we must appreciate the temptations which totalitarian China presents to India and others in Asia as they inch forward slowly in the battle for a better life while China "leaps."

The successes and failures of the rival systems of India and China are being watched by millions of Asians and Africans. The outcome of this struggle may well be what Senator John Kennedy has called the "Hinge of Fate" in the underdeveloped area of the world.

Like our own country in its underdeveloped stage, however, India needs foreign capital in order to move forward. In its youth, America sold railroad bonds to the British and other Europeans, and these were long 40- to 50-year debentures. This is what India needs. Long-term loans such as this are envisioned in the U.S. Development Loan Funds now before Congress.

Instead of the short-term emergency help we have given in the past India now requires long-term development funds if she and her democratic structure are to survive. In this new venture in democratic assistance the U.S. is being joined by Britain, Japan and several European nations.

This year as the American people ponder their responsibility to India we sit, as Edmund Burke said, on a "conspicuous stage" with the whole world watching our demeanor.



''. . . he came out of his glide just over the tree tops and skimmed along as slowly as possible, keeping a sharp lookout below''

Use Your Own Judgment

by Forrest W. Faris

Tom NELSON wondered if this would be his last flight for Hudson Bay Air Lines. Downheartedly he slipped on his flying suit and buckled on the leg straps of his parachute. Only yesterday the world had seemed bright to Tom, but today it seemed dark indeed.

It was all because he had been assigned to fly a lone passenger to Northfield and return. At first he had assumed it was only a routine flight, and had not noticed the sighs of relief from the other pilots when he had received the assignment. Then he had found

out that his passenger was a minor official of the company, who had caused the discharge of several of the most popular pilots in the group.

Nelson checked his plane before starting, and everything seemed to go well. The passenger, David Sloan, had little to say, and Tom began to hope that there would be no trouble after all. Then, suddenly, Sloan called out to his pilot.

"See that open spot down there," and as Nelson nodded assent, he continued, "I want to land there." Tom nosed the plane down to get a better look. Then he shook his head. "Sorry, but my instructions were to fly you to Northfield and return. I have no authority to land you in such a spot. It is hardly suitable for an emergency landing."

Sloan flared in anger. "I want to land there. I have my reasons, but it makes no difference to you whether I have or not."

"I'm sorry, sir," was Nelson's quiet reply. "I must follow my orders. You should have arranged this before leaving the airport. I cannot land except under emergency conditions where such landings would be dangerous to life or safety."

"Very well, sir," was the grim reply. "Take me on to Northfield."

Nothing more was said on the way to Northfield. Mr. Sloan left the plane at the airport, stating he would be back within the hour for the return trip. That hour was a long one for Tom Nelson. He wondered what would happen on the way back. Well, it was a bad break for him. It would be hard to get another job without the company recommendation. He could only hope that Mr. Rayburn, the general manager, would consider his record before accepting Mr. Sloan's report.

Nelson was at the plane ready to fly, when Sloan walked out of the airport. He climbed into the plane without a word. Tom wanted to relax, but it seemed he could hardly start the motor.

"Get going. We can't take all day for this trip. We're going to have a change in the weather, anyway."

Rapidly the airport faded in the distance. An hour away from his destination, he suddenly ran into overcast skies. He could feel the snow in the air. Carefully he speeded up his plane until it was doing the maximum. Above the hum of the motor, his radio suddenly blared out.

"Calling all planes! Calling all planes! Snowstorm moving east from headquarters. Be on watch to fly above the storm, if necessary."

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With trained eye young Nelson watched the weather and his instruments. He couldn't take a chance with his passenger. To Tom's surprise, his passenger had never uttered a word. That, at least, was a relief to him, for he was in no mood for conversation.

Only fifteen miles to go. Everything seemed satisfactory to Nelson, for he was now above the storm. There was no great amount of snow, but he wanted

to be safe. The radio kept calling out instructions, but all at once it changed to a more urgent call.

"Calling all planes! Calling all planes!" He couldn't get it all. His radio reception was bad all at once, and the storm seemed worse below him. He caught the word "lost." Then a longer expression that "his little daughter is lost about five miles out from headquarters. She slipped away from her father when he stopped to change a tire. Whenever possible, all planes drop down below as near as possible to the ground and maintain a sharp lookout for the little girl."

He lost it again. Whose child was it? Not that it made any difference. His radio came back distinctly for a moment. "All pilots use their own judgment as to how much searching they can do." Again the radio died away.

Nelson looked over the side of the plane. Through the flying snow, he could still catch glimpses of the white highway below. Somewhere in that forest and storm a little girl was lost. He knew she would soon freeze in that weather. But what could he Suppose he dropped down do? there and wrecked his plane. Well, it wouldn't be much worse than Mr. Sloan would make it, What a night was anyway. ahead!

Thoughts of the little girl left him no choice, and almost unconsciously, he began to nose down through the snow. God pity a little girl who would have to spend hours in that snowstorm. He knew she could not survive. What a tragedy for the parents!

For the first time since the take-off, Sloan spoke to the young pilot.

"What are you doing? Where are you going? Get back above that storm, not below it."

For the first time on the trip a wave of elation spread over Nelson. He had made up his mind, and what David Sloan might say would make no difference now. Maybe he could save that little girl's life. His passenger raved and stormed as he came out of his glide just over the tree tops and skimmed along as slowly as possible, keeping a sharp lookout below. Time and again he covered the area on both sides of the highway as he gradually neared the airport.

He began to despair, yet he felt that the little girl could not be far away. Somewhere down there she was freezing. He was long overdue at headquarters, and it wouldn't be long until he could no longer see below. There was an ache in his heart for that little girl. He wondered if she had seen him and he had passed her by.

His passenger, thoroughly frightened, kept up a continuous stream of criticism, but Nelson paid no attention. A few minutes more and he would have to give it up. Suddenly through the shadows something white gleamed in a break in the trees. What was it? It was moving! It was waving its arms! Down to the tree tops went Nelson. Yes, it was a little girl. staggered as she waved to the plane above her. Nelson could see she was almost exhausted. He waved a greeting, but he couldn't tell whether she saw it or not.

Now he must find a place to land. A thousand feet away he could see an open field. Not very large, but was it large enough? He flew over it, measuring its possibilities. He had refused to land for Sloan on a smiliar spot. He had to use his judgment again. There was only one decision to make this time, too. Only this time he had to land.

Sloan seemed to sense his decision. From the rear came a frightened voice. "I forbid you to land there. You'll wreck the plane and kill us." He could not control the terror in his voice.

Nelson did not answer. There was no need. Maneuvering to

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"Where the Scriptures Speak . . ."

by the Editor

July 19, 1959 Scripture: Ruth 1:19-2:2; 4:13-17.

E VERYONE talks about the Book of Ruth, if he talks about the Bible at all. Aside from its historical importance, it is a literary gem that is often cited as an example of the perfect love story. There are aspects of the book, however, that sometimes escape us in our emotional satisfaction at the "girl gets boy" theme.

Briefly, Naomi and her husband had left Bethlehem and gone to the land of Moab to live. Presumably, Elimelech, the husband, made the move during a time of famine, seeking something better for his family. They had two sons who grew up in Moab and married Moabite girls.

At the time portrayed by our lesson text today, Elimelech was dead, along with the two sons. Naomi decided to go back to Judah, the land of her fathers and of her own childhood, and one of her daughters-in-law, Ruth, chose to go with her.

Naomi was conscious of her appearance as the people of Bethlehem said, "Is this Naomi?" (Ruth 1:19.) A true daughter of her people, Naomi was conscious of the fact that she was an old woman and had no grand-children to carry on the family name. This was a great calamity in the eyes of all the people.

This is the reason that Naomi said "Call me Mara," which word means "bitter." (Verse 20.) She felt that she had nothing to look forward to, and she had come home to die.

Naomi and Ruth arrived in Bethlehem "at the beginning of barley harvest." (Verse 22.) This seasonal fact made possible the happy ending to the story which we know so well. Apparently Naomi had gone to Boaz for help because he was a relative of her husband. (2:1.) And, although Ruth was a Moabitess, she knew the custom that the reapers did not exercise care to pick up every last straw, but consciously left a few heads of grain for the poor to glean.

In four verses (4:13-17) the story rapidly reaches its climax. Ruth gleaned where she would be seen; Boaz took her for his wife; and she bore a son. Obviously the writer knows the end of the story, but does not betray it in Verse 14. The women are crying, "May his name be renowned in Israel!" Whether or not this should come to pass, Naomi has nothing to worry about now. She has a male descendant.

The final sentence is told calmly and yet certainly with a great deal of feeling: "They named him Obed; he was the father of Jesse, the father of David." Indeed, he was renowned—the grandfather of King David.

There is no attempt to cover up the fact that Boaz married a foreigner. Neither is there any attempt to hide the fact that this marriage produced the kingly line of which the Hebrew people were so proud.

The position of David, the grandson of Obed, remained so important in the mind of the generations that they could think of no higher acclaim for the

coming Messiah than that he should sit upon the throne of David. Surely, Naomi became a great name in history because she brought her foreign daughter-in-law back to her own home town.

Another aspect of this account must be noticed. The book must have been written about the fifth century, B.C. The Hebrew people had returned from Babylonian captivity and were seeking to establish themselves again. Life was full of problems.

Not every Hebrew had been carried off into Babylonian captivity, and those who remained in the land had intermarried with other people. Likewise, there had been considerable intermarriage between Hebrews and the people of Babylon. More than sixty years had passed and hardly any individuals remained that knew what it had been like in the old days.

As a result of these facts, Nehemiah "beat some of them and pulled out their hair" because they had permitted their daughters to marry foreigners. (Neh. 13:25.) It was Nehemiah's firm belief that only if he "cleansed them from everything foreign" would God really bless his people again.

Ezra says, "I... pulled hair from my head and beard" because the Hebrew women had married foreigners. (Ezra 9:3.) He urged them to break up the families and separate from the foreigners. (10:11.)

Surely, there can be no other inference regarding the Book of Ruth than that it is a direct effort to contradict what Ezra and

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Meaning for Today

by J. Daniel Joyce

Nehemiah felt. There was no way to get away from the facts of the case; David was a product of one of these mixed marriages.

The world is full of refugees today.

The Scripture

Ruth 1:19-2:2

19 So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them; and the women said, "Is this Naomi?" 20 She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi, call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. 21 I went away full, and the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has afflicted me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?"

22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

1 Now Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. 2 And Ruth the Moabitest said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field, and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

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13 So Boas took Ruth and she became his wife; and he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. 14 Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next of kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! 15 He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." 16 Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. 17 And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

NE cannot but be embarrassed a bit at the contrast of feeling about mothers-in-law today and mothers-in-law in the story which we study. It is first a shock to us that Ruth saw her proper home in the future to be with her mother-in-law rather than with her mother, once she had married a husband.

It will also be a shock for most readers to study the rite of "levirate marriage" which made the next of kin responsible for taking the widow and raising children to perpetuate the name of the dead. These are indications of the strong tie between the wife and the mother-in-law, as well as the family of the husband.

While our wives ponder the attitudes of Ruth, let our mothersin-law ponder the attitudes of Naomi. We are, of course, dealing with a patriarchal society in this story, but it has something to say to our marital situation now. Mother-in-law and daughter-in-law must love each other and not be on the defensive, constantly shouting their independence of each other and charging interference.

When we counsel a young man or woman that the family situation into which he or she wants to marry is not conducive to lasting union, they reply: "I'm not marrying his background or his family." This sounds good to them and has a measure of logic. But the fact is, they do marry his background and everything that is a part of it.

The experience of the years will teach them in a thousand ways that they married a whole family and a whole background with all its culture and religion or lack of it, whether they wanted to or not.

It was an unusual kindness that Boaz should take notice of Ruth when she was a foreigner (2:10). He was "gracious," "spoke kindly," and "comforted her." Better international relations and better interracial relations now involve these very same attitudes of spirit toward those of different cultural, religious, racial, and nationalistic backgrounds who have come to live in our midst.

It is simply one of the facts of life that this can't be accomplished without some special attention given to it.

There are a few grand people in our city who make it a practice to take into their homes on occasion, to entertain, and to cultivate the friendship of the foreigners who come here to live for short periods or long. What is needed for those who feel something less than positive friendliness for foreigners, is to make and come to appreciate some friend who is a foreigner. Is this not where the distinctive mark of Christian love lies? It leaps over the boundaries of kith and kin and loves the stranger.

There is nothing distinctively Christian about the love of family or friends. The good and the bad are capable and prone to this. But the judgment of the Christian is: "What do ye more than others?" Do you love those whom others do not? The church today can find here a key to effective evangelism. The way you treat the newcomers is more important than you know. The church of the first century won its way, as well as by its message.

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Consulting the Pastor by Charles F. Kemp

Division of Soul

CENTURIES ago Plato compared man to a charioteer who was trying to drive a pair of winged horses. One is white, attractive in appearance, obedient to command. The other is dark, misshapen, strong and difficult to control. The charioteer, representing any man, has no end of difficulty in trying to control or manage the pair.

The Apostle Paul described a similar conflict within himself. "For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.... I can will what is right but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want it what I do." (Romans 7:15, 18, 19.)

This division within the soul, this conflict within the self is the theme of some of the world's greatest literature. Goethe's Faust says, "Two souls, alas! are lodg'd within my breast." Robert Louis Stevenson created a whole novel around the fictitious Dr. Jekyll, the benevolent physician, who was sometimes Mr. Hyde, the unscrupulous villain.

There is an anonymous bit of verse which reads:

Within my earthly temple, there's a crowd:

There's one that's humble, one that's proud;

There's one that is heartbroken for his sins And one that unrepentant sits and grieves.

There's one that loves his neighbor as himself

And one that thinks of nought but fame and pelf.

From this perplexing care I would be free

If I could once determine which is me.

This is the problem of every man. This is at least part of the problem of those who consult pastors, psychologists, social workers about some personal problem. Like Plato's charioteer they are conscious of a division within themselves, one aspect of their nature pulling one direction, another and quite different aspect pulling in another. Or like Paul, they say, "For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do."

No man escapes the problem. Biography reveals that all the great men have faced it. Somehow they had to get themselves under control. What did they do?

They recognized the problem first of all. To say it doesn't exist is but to hide it and leave ourselves the victims of its power. Plato and Paul were much more honest and also much wiser. They recognized it in all its reality.

To discuss it can help, if it is the right person and one that can help us understand. This is one of the values of an understanding pastor. It is those aspects of life we recognize and understand that we can control.

The anonymous poet is right—we are not one self but we are many selves. We are sometimes humble, sometimes proud, sometimes generous, sometimes self-ish, sometimes kind, sometimes thoughtless. However, we do have the power to choose. We can determine which self we are going to identify ourselves with, which one we will cultivate. Which one will really be dominant in our lives?

The psychologists speak of the need for integration, for unity, for wholeness in life and they are right. This we must have but to attain it we must go beyond psychology. Such unity grows out of a central purpose that unifies and directs and challenges life. It grows out of faith that gives the assurance of forgiveness, of divine resources and strength.

Paul, after he had described this terrific conflict within his soul which resulted in his own wretchedness, "Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?" continued "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 7:24, 25.) Thus he found the answer to the division within his soul.

NEWS

of the Brotherhood

Encouraging Reports

Ontario Assembly

ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO—The 116th annual convention of Disciples of Christ in Ontario was held at the Princess Avenue Church of Christ here June 4-7.

Registrations totaled 225 while attendance exceeded the 300 level.

Advanced planning by the local committee responsible for program and arrangements left little to be desired, and television, radio, and press coverage was excellent throughout.

The convention theme was "Builders for Christ." Among the speakers were Dr. George Earle Owen of the United Christian Missionary Society, Indianapolis; Dr. Herald Monroe, Ohio state secretary; and Kenneth Wills, a Disciple serving as secretary of the department of Christian education of the Canadian Council of Churches.

A notable feature of the convention was the presence of two of Canada's United Society missionaries, Miss Dorothy Martin (The Philippines) and Miss Alice Porter (India), both home on their first furlough. Miss Martin spoke during the Friday afternoon missions session and again at the Saturday evening youth banquet.

Reporting on the progress of the work throughout the province, Cooperation Secretary Oliver W. Mc-Cully noted a considerable increase during the year in the per capita giving for outreach causes—from \$8.78 to \$10.50.

Encouraging progress was also reported in connection with the summer camp program and conference grounds development. A revised constitution providing, among other things, for a delegate convention beginning next year was also adopted.

Presiding over the four-day meet was Mr. E. D. Topliffe of Windsor. Host pastor was W. M. Kennedy. The 1960 Convention is set for the Hillcrest Church in Toronto.—Ross W. G. JEFFRIES.

Gill Chapman Speaker

ORANGE, CALIF.—Dr. Theodore A. Gill, president of the San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, delivered the address at the commencement exercises at Chapman College here June 13, when 199 seniors received degrees.

Delivering the sermon at the bac-

calaureate service June 7, in the First Baptist Church of Santa Ana was Dr. Wesley P. Ford, minister of Central Christian Church, Pasadena.

Dr. Gill, who received his degrees at the University of Wisconsin, Princeton Theological Seminary, and the University of Zurich, Switzerland, was managing editor of *The Christian Century* from 1956 until his appointment last year to his present post.

Oregon Mother Honored

"Woman of Year"

EUGENE, ORE.—Mrs. F. F. Montgomery, a member of the First Christian Church here, received the "Eugene Woman of the Year" award, after having been nominated by the Christian Youth Fellowship



Mrs. F. F. Montgomery of Eugene, Oregon, is a mother of three children, as well as an active participant in civic and church affairs. Shown here with her is Vicki, aged 5.

of the Eugene church and by the Junior Service League of Eugene.

Mrs. Montgomery and her husband are counselors for the CYF at the Eugene church. She also is a deaconess and a member of the official board.

The honor is awarded to the lady under 35 who renders the most useful service to the community.

All nominees must have a balance of activities in home, school, church, and community, and must have been responsible for some new project in the city. Mrs. Montgomery's project was helping to establish the Interdenominational Youth Council.

In 1956, her husband was selected as "Eugene Junior First Citizen," an honor paralleling that given to his wife this year.

He was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in the 1958 election. He serves his church as teacher of the high-school class, as well as co-adviser to the CYF.—RAY S. HEWITT

Denver Travel Note

Indianapolis (Bulletin)—The International Convention office has received word that persons holding railroad clergy certificates may utilize them in conjunction with travel to the Denver International Convention Assembly.

Holders of Eastern, Southern and New England clergies may purchase tickets to Denver in their areas and they will be honored by the Western Passenger Association, on a round-trip basis.

These tickets may be purchased August 10-27, inclusive, upon presentation of clergy certificate of your area, and will be good for return 30 days from date of sale.

Seminary Council Is Authorized

New Phillips Set-up

ENID, OKLA.—After four years of intensive study, the board of trustees of Phillips University has authorized the formation of a Graduate Seminary Council to administer the affairs of the seminary.

Dr. Eugene S. Briggs is president; Stephen J. England is dean.

One hundred and thirty-five students studied in the seminary during the current year.

"Salaries have again been adjusted, the library has been improved and the curriculum is being restudied and revised," said President Briggs.

"Accredited by the American Association of Theological Schools and with no accredited seminaries in this Midwestern section, the future is bright," he added.

The Board of Trustees announced the major emphasis between 1960 and 1970 is to be toward adequately endowing the seminary. The estimate is that it will require \$10,-000,000 for this purpose. Six million will be sought by 1965.

Both the graduate council and the board of trustees believe that with this stabilizing and invigorating endowment the future of the seminary which will be qualified to give a full doctoral program is assured.

NEWS CAPSULES

Gail A. Rusk, a member of First Christian Church of Newton, Iowa, is serving his second term in the House of Representatives of the State of Iowa.

Mr. Rusk is a member of the board of the Newton Church and chairman of the buildings and grounds department. Mr. and Mrs. Rusk have lived in Jasper County for 30 years. Cromwell C. Cleveland is his pastor.

The church at Lebanon, Kan., is now constructing a seven-room educational unit. Ground was broken last fall. The congregation gave special emphasis to evangelism from January to Easter.

Every family of the church now receives The Christian Evangelist-Front Rank. The minister is J. A. Wilton.

On Pentecost Sunday four Boy Scouts who are members of the board of junior deacons of First Christian Church, Platte City, Mo., were presented with the "God and Country" church-scout award.

They were: R. B. Miller III, Wilson Tatman, Tim Weeks and Bill Wright. The awards were presented by the pastor, Lester M. Weeks.

- Jack Charles Marshall, a senior at Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Ore., was ordained to the Christian ministry at First Christian Church, Chehalis, Wash., May 31. Guest speaker for the ordination service was Dr. Earl H. Van Doren, secretary of the Washington Christian Missionary Society.
- At the regular monthly meeting of the Sunday school workers' conference of First Christian Church. Charlotte, N. C., J. Tracy Trigg, superintendent, was honored at a "This Is Your Life in Your Sunday School" by his teachers and coworkers. He was presented with a leather-bound Bible and other gifts. His wife, Ann, was presented with a gift of jewelry. Robert L. Jones, minister, made a brief presentation address
- Howard P. McConnell, a Christian minister for 50 years, was honored at a reception at First Christian Church, San Mateo, Calif., June 28. He was presented with a bound volume of personal letters of congratulation from friends in various parts of the country.
- . L. H. West, retired Christian minister of Shreveport, La., is now serving as interim pastor of First Church,

Waynoka, Okla. He held a revival meeting May 20-31 for First Christian Church, Glenwood, Mo., during which there were ten additions by primary obedience and eleven by transfer. On May 31 Mr. West, assisted by Hollis Bowen, pastor of the church at Queen City, Mo., dedicated the new church building there.

- Representative Merwin Coad. former Boone, Ia., Christian minister, was an official United States delegate to the NATO conference held in London June 3-9.
- W. E. Garrison, chairman of the Department of Philosophy and Religion at the University of Houston, Houston Tex., is resigning chairmanship of the department and plans to teach only two courses beginning this fall.
- Pleasant Valley Christian Church, Amarillo, Tex., recently completed a stewardship evangelism crusade under the leadership of L. O. Leet and Ida Lee McCullar.

Sixty-two per cent of those at the victory service who were above primary grades signed a "tithing" stewardship covenant card.

The pastor is Walter E. Richey.

- Carl M. Boyd has returned from a trip to the Far East, where he visited chaplains of the Christian Churches (Disciples) serving the armed forces in the Philippines, Guam, Okinawa, Japan and Korea. Mr. Boyd is director of chaplaincy services for the United Christian Missionary Society, Indianapolis.
- First Christian Church, Bay City, Tex., has commissioned the architectural firm of Koetter and Tharp of Houston to serve in the development of the projected religious education plant. The architects met with the various departments relating to the program of Christian education on May 24.

With Church Extension

In Building Programs

Representatives of the Board of Church Extension met recently with the following churches to confer regarding programs of church erection and financing.

Arlington Heights (III.) Christian, Dr. O. F. Jordan, ad interim minister; to set up a one-year building fund campaign with a goal of \$10,000.

Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, Dr. Elmer C. Lewis, minister; to develop financial analysis and time schedule for remodeling program and addition to educational space.

Oak Hills Christian, Butler, Pa., Donald T. Hogan, minister; to set up \$12,000 fund-raising program for the erection of a new first unit.

Firestone Park Christian, Akron, Ohlo, C. O. Adams, minister; to develop financial capacity and time schedule to provide for the erection of a new sanctuary unit.

First Christian, Newton Falls, Ohio; William Kerr, minister; to determine financial capacity and time schedule regarding a program of remodelling and erection of additional educational facilities.

Central Christian, Huntington, Ind., J. Maurice Thompson, minister; archi-tectural consultation regarding their program of alteration and additional construction.

Danforth United, Syracuse, N. Y., Charles D. Broadbent, minister; to set up a three-year \$60,000 building fund campaign for the repair of present facilities.

Boulevard Christian, Baltimore, Md., James Carpenter, minister; building fund campaign set up to raise \$15,000 over a two-year period.

First Christian, Lower Bucks County, Pa., Walter E. Brown, minister; a general consultation regarding present program to raise \$43,000 for a first unit.

Union Christian, Cooksville, Ill., Herb Bottger, minister; to set up a building fund campaign to raise funds for the erection of a new unit.

Washburn Christian, Washburn, Illi-nois, Neil Sallee, minister; general con-sultation to program for a new educa-tional unit and a remodeling program.

Christian Church, Owensville, Ind., Ray Montgomery, Sr., ad interim minister; general consultation to consider site purchase, financial capacity analysis and time schedule for erection of first unit.

first unit.

North Tacoma Christian, Indianapolis, Ind., Bruce Miller, minister; general consultation regarding current construction program, a new \$150,000 sanctuary unit.

Central Christian, Washington, Ind., Stanley Kain, minister; to set up \$72,000, three-year building fund campaign to provide funds for extensive remodeling.

First Church, Gainesville, Fla., J. Emmett Moore, minister; financial consultation to program a fund-raising procedure.

procedure.

Central Christian, Winter Park, Fla.,
Charles Hill, minister; general consultation regarding purchase of site
and a financial analysis related to the
erection of a first unit.

First Christian, Minden, La., L. C.
Reece, minister; general consultation
to develop a financial program for the
erection of a first unit on a new site.

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First Christian, Shelbyville, Tenn., J. P. Winkler, minister; architectural consultation to develop master plan for a 31/2 acre plot.

Glendale Christian, Indianapolis, Ind., Roy W. Kent, minister; general con-sultation to develop financial analysis, tentative time schedule and next steps. The church received its charter March 29 this year.



"So this is what they meant about bringing the outdoors right into the living room!""

Atlantic Christian Has Record Class

Wilson, N. C.—Atlantic Christian College completed its 57th year of operation with commencement ceremonies during which the largest graduating class in the college's history was presented degrees.

Two hundred twenty-seven seniors received bachelor of science and bachelor of arts degrees in graduation ceremonies. The degrees were conferred by President Arthur D. Wenger.

Degrees were awarded following an address by Dr. William B. Aycock, chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

After the undergraduate degrees were conferred, Dr. Aycock was presented an honorary doctor of laws degree. William A. Lucas, Wilson attorney, also received an honorary doctor of laws degree, and Dr. Raymond L. Alexander, minister of the First Christian Church, Washington, was the recipient of an honorary doctor of divinity degree.

"Forward or Forfeit"

"America has arrived at the point where it is essential to decide whether it will go forward or forfeit its opportunity to lead the peoples of the free world to the top of the mountain," Dr. Aycock told the seniors at the ceremonies.

"In retrospect we can recognize this same point in the histories of Athens, Rome, and other great civilizations," he said. "This decision conceivably could be made in several ways. The most obvious way concerns what we decide to do about education," he said.

Dr. Aycock said: "America's greatest asset is its increasing recognition of the dignity and value of the individual, not its material resources which could be equalled or surpassed by others. This asset is the fuse which ignites the generative power in our inner consciences and thereby supplies the mighty thrust necessary for each of us to become a part of the leadership of the world."

Riley Baccalaureate Speaker

Jo M. Riley of Wilson, was speaker for the baccalaureate service at the First Christian Church. Mr. Riley, the minister of the church, left shortly thereafter to become minister of the Central Christian Church at Decatur, Ill.

"When you receive that diploma this evening you are receiving it with a price tag," Mr. Riley told the seniors. "It is a price tag of responsibility. Your parents expect more of you now. Your community will expect more of you now. Your

world will expect more of you now. Your society will expect more of you now. Your God will expect more of you now. To live through the big change is to be a person of value."

James W. Bishop, son of George W. Bishop, minister of the Kensington Christian Church in Philadelphia, and Mrs. Bishop, was presented the faculty cup as the most outstanding senior at Atlantic Christian College's 57th annual Commencement in Wilson, N. C., on Sunday, May 24. The presentation was made by Dr. Millard P. Burt, Atlantic Christian Dean.

Oregon Planning Retreat

PORTLAND—For the first time in its history, the Oregon Christian Missionary Society held a planning retreat.

The "Sharing and Integrating Conference," brought together 47 mem-

bers of the board of directors, commissions, and committees for two days at Camp Arrah Wanna, on the slopes of Mount Hood.

The purpose of the Conference, presided over by Kenneth Johnston, president of the Society, was to build its program for 1959-60 and beyond.—RAY S. HEWITT

Arizona Evangelism

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Arizona churches are showing new vitality. Many of them are following up on their January through Easter evangelistic efforts by conducting membership conservation programs.

Sixteen churches reported 420 additions, 153 by baptism, according to W. W. McReynolds, secretary-director of the Arizona Christian Missionary Society.

First Church in Mesa reported 111 additions. Creighton Church, Phoenix had 56 additions. The results of strong evangelistic emphasis were evident also at First Church, Tucson, and Broadway Church, Tucson, with reports of 46 and 47 additions, respectively.

Major Fred W. Carlock

Disciple Chaplain at Air Force Academy

COLORADO SPRINGS—Chaplain (Maj.) Fred W. Carlock, a Disciple, is engaged in building the religious program at the new Air Force Academy here for all permanent party and their families. He is the base's Protestant chaplain.

Chaplain Carlock's responsibility includes the faculty of the school and all troops assigned for the operation of the school on the 18,000-acre Academy campus.

It was his task to begin this program in such temporary quarters as were available on the grounds when purchased by the government, anticipating the new troop chapel construction program.

His assignment was announced to correspond with the moving of the Air Force Academy from its temporary quarters at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver to their permanent location at Colorado Springs.

Chaplain (Col.) Charles L Carpenter, formerly chief of Air Force chaplains, is assigned to the school as cadet chaplain. He is building the cadet religious program in preparation for the construction of the new cadet chapel, which has been much publicized because of its advanced design.

Chaplain Carlock came to this assignment from the Foster AF base at Victoria, Texas, with his last overseas' assignment at Ashiya, Japan.

He is a graduate of Texas Christian University and the Brite College



Chaplain Carlock ready for take-off while serving with 405th Fighter Day Wing, Foster A.F. Base, Tex., before his present assignment as Protestant chaplain at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.

of the Bible. With his wife, Mary, and son, Gregory, he resides in new quarters on the grounds of the Academy.

Fraternal Delegates From Britain

Greens Arrive Soon

New YORK—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green of Stockport, England, will arrive here by plane on August 13.

Mr. Green is president of the World Convention and Mrs. Green is president of the World Christian Women's Fellowship, and also one of the vice-presidents of the World Convention. After several days in New York City and Indianapolis, Mr. and Mrs. Green will go to Denver to attend the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples).

They are the fraternal delegates, sent by the British Churches of Christ, to the Denver Convention.

Following the Convention they will visit a number of cities in the United States and also they will visit Puerto Rico, Haiti and Jamaica, in order to study our work in those countries.

At present our "world brotherhood" has churches and workers in 36 countries of the world. Our church membership is 2,242,469. There are 10,139 congregations. Our Sunday schools number 10,491 with an enrollment of 1,451,280.

Okla. Pastor Cited

Ponca City, Okla.—At the recent Oklahoma State Convention of Christian Churches April 26-29 in Ponca City, R. T. Davies, minister of the First Church, in Heavener, was named "Rural Minister of the Year" for Oklahoma.

This is a recognition given to some rural minister each year for outstanding and meritorious service rendered to a church in a town of a population of 2,500 and under.

He has spent 15 years in the ministry to churches in Town and Country areas.

The Heavener Church, under the leadership of Mr. Davies, has survived a split within the congregation and has come back in a wonderful way. There have been 36 additions to offset the 32 members that withdrew and established the "Fundamental Christian Church" in Heavener. The church has \$6,000 in a building fund. The sanctuary and parsonage were recently repaired and redecorated. The children's Sunday school rooms and the nursery were air-conditioned.

The church is now functionally organized and through their concentrated efforts its giving per capita to missions last year was \$7.36.

Mr. Davies' family consists of a wife, two daughters and a son, with one teen-age daughter still at home. His wife is very active in the church as well as teaching English in the high school. They have a married son and daughter.

TCU Certificates for:

Ranch Managers

FORT WORTH—A record group of 16 future ranchers received certificates from Texas Christian University's Ranch Training Program at a banquet June 1.

TCU President M. E. Sadler will give the welcoming address and award the certificates. This is the third year the program has been offered at the university. Seven students completed the nine-month course during the initial year, with nine finishing last spring.

The course teaches principles of ranch management, both in the classroom and by actual experience on leading ranches over the Southwest. It is directed by Arthur H. Courtage

Musician Honored

Mrs. Edith Becker for over 42 years organist-choir director for University Christian Church, Buf-

falo, N. Y., was honored at a service of recognition and a reception on May 24. Mrs. Becker is a charter member of the church which her parents helped organize in 1911. She has trained and directed every choir since 1919.



Mrs. Becker

She actually began her work as organist in 1916 when the church acquired a pipe organ. When Mrs. Becker organized a junior choir at University Church in 1926 it was one of the first in western New York.

In the early 1950's she organized a "May Musicale" to raise funds for the church. It became an annual event.

The pastor, Omar L. Clary, conducted the recognition service. She and her husband, Dr. George Becker, live near West Falls, N. Y., where Dr. Becker is a practicing physician. At the afternoon service of recognition the Buffalo Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, of which Mrs. Becker has been a member for more than 30 years, was represented by Miss Edna M. Shaw, its secretary.

Chaplain's Message at Tennessee Baccalaureate

Sermon in Verse

FORT CAMPBELL, KY.—C haplain (Major) Robert W. Williams, chaplain with the 101st Airborne Division here was the baccalaureate preacher at the spring commencement exercises of the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, Cookeville, Tenn., May 31.

Chaplain Williams gave as his sermon a modern morality poem which he wrote in free verse, "The Night I Resigned From the Human Race," which he has given previously at Illinois College in Jacksonville, Ill., and at Austin Peay State College in Clarksville, Tenn.

Of his 400-line poem, Paratrooper Chaplain Williams says: "It is both a stern protest of life at its worst, and a strong affirmation of life at its best. It is a sincere attempt to express the ambivalent feelings Americans have toward the twentieth century."

A graduate of Illinois College and Texas Christian University's Brite College of the Bible, Chaplain Williams did graduate work toward the Ph.D., at the University of Chicago.

He holds the Master Parachutist rating, having made 73 jumps, and having served in three airborne assignments.

Cramblet at NCC

Honor Day Speaker

EUGENE, ORE.—President Wilbur H. Cramblet of the Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis, was speaker for Honor Day at Northwest Christian College here May 21.

Dr. Cramblet holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Yale University and has received honorary degrees from The University of Pittsburgh, Bethany College, Drake University, Culver-Stockton College and Texas Christian University.

He was president of Bethany College before becoming the chief executive of the Christian churches' publishing house in 1952.

For Herbert Minard Jerusalem "Y" Post

Herbert L. Minard, program secretary of the YMCA in Jerusalem and a former editor of Front Rank, has been named general secretary of the Jerusalem YMCA.

Well known as a writer of young people's materials, Mr. Minard was in YMCA work in China before going to Jerusalem in 1950. He had served at Chungking for several years.

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his best possible position, he glided down. He cleared a fence. The plane hit the ground, bounced, hit it again and again, then rolled forward. It was in somebody's garden. Could he stop it before it hit the fence. The rough ground helped. Tom breathed a sigh of relief as it stopped with the nose of the plane brushing a fence at the far end.

Hastily jumping out, he raced back to the little girl. There she was, exhausted and huddled up on the ground. The snow was getting heavier. Quickly and carefully, he wrapped his flying coat around her. As he lifted her in his arms, she murmured, "I want my daddy."

Gently he placed her in the cockpit beside him. Turning the plane, he moved it to get every available foot of space for the take-off. He knew it would be close, but he was confident of his ability. With a prayer in his heart for success, the young pilot advanced his throttle. The plane gathered speed. The tail began to rise, as he pushed the throttle forward. Then as he pulled it back, the fence passed below him by only a foot or two.

Quickly he rose above the storm, for ice was forming on his wings. It was only a few moments to the airport, and soon he dropped his plane for an even landing. Eager hands seized the little girl to care for her.

Nelson walked back to his plane. Mr. Sloan was waiting for him. "Now," thought Nelson, "I'm in for it."

Before a word could be spoken, a car dashed up to the plane. Out jumped James Rayburn, general manager for Hudson Bay Airlines.

"Whose plane is that? Did you find her?"

Mr. Sloan stepped forward, "Mr. Rayburn, I want to report—"

"Oh, Daddy," some one shouted, "here I am."

Across the field from headquarters, a little girl was flying with her hair streaming in the wind. Rayburn turned, gave a happy cry, and swept her into his arms.

"My little girl," he murmured. "God be thanked."

For a moment no one spoke. Mr. Sloan broke the silence.

"Mr. Rayburn," he said, "I want to make a formal report of a pilot's disobedience of orders. However, I will wait until tomorrow."

Tom Nelson spoke up.

"Mr. Rayburn," he saw his future passing with his words, "under the circumstances, may I present my resignation as a pilot for Hudson Bay. I have tried to do my duty, but I seemed to have incurred the emnity of one of your officials."

Rayburn turned to him. "I think I understand, but it would be best not to turn in your resignation yet. Perhaps. . . ."

His little girl spoke up. "Oh, Daddy," she cried. "He's the man who found me. He wrapped his big coat around me. I like him."

Mr. Rayburn turned slowly from the young pilot to Mr. Sloan. Then he faced the pilot again.

"Nelson," he said cheerfully, "I have heard of your work before. Under the circumstances, I accept your resignation. Your record with us will be clear." Then, turning to Mr. Sloan, he continued, "It won't be necessary for you to file charges against Nelson. He is no longer an employee of the company."

Nelson turned his face away. So this was the end of it all. Slowly he turned to leave.

"Just a moment, Nelson," Rayburn was speaking again. "My private plane is over there in the hangar. It needs a pilot. Would you consider a private job as my personal pilot? I need a pilot who can use his judgment as you have." The amazed Nelson faced the general manager, turned to face Mr. Sloan, then back to Mr. Rayburn with a wide smile.

"Would I!" he shouted. "Just give me the chance. You'll never find a better."

"Then run it out," said Rayburn with a smile. "We want to go home, don't we, Mary?" he added, as he picked up his little girl in his arms.

Conferences Popular

Movement Developing

Spiritual life conferences, which are now in their third year among Disciples, are developing into a "movement."

Samuel F. Pugh, director of church development for The United Christian Missionary Society, notes that "the movement is now spreading to the individual states, some of which are planning their own conferences in consultation with the director of church development."

Six spiritual life conferences were scheduled by Mr. Pugh between February and the International Convention in August. The first two were held in Southern California and Florida. Both were declared to be highly successful.

Four more conferences of this type were scheduled as follows: Phillips University, Enid, Okla., June 9 to 12; Camp Christian, Center Point, Texas, June 16 to 19; Christmount, Black Mountain, N. C., July 7 to 10; and Quaker Hill, McCall, Idaho, August 24 to 27.

"Our best known and most dedicated Disciple leaders are giving their time to this important emphasis," Mr. Pugh says.

Homes Administration Course

The organization and administration of a home for the aging is the subject of a short course to be presented at Dillsburg, Pa., June 22-26, 1959, for administrators, supervisors, board members, social workers, and volunteers.

The instructor will lecture on more than 100 topics, and each enrollee will receive approximately 200 pages of practical suggestions. One hundred and seventy-nine persons from 23 states attended the first three courses.

For additional information contact William T. Swaim, Jr., executive secretary, Presbyterian Homes of Central Pennsylvania, Dillsburg, Pa.



J. Bryant Young, recently of Maysville, Ky., and the immediate past minister of the Christian church at Sandoval, Ill., has become minister of Richmond Avenue Church, Buffalo, New York.

Mr. Young had been serving as the minister, ad interim, since February. On May 3 he was asked to accept the call to become minister.

Mr. Young received his education at Transylvania College and The College of the Bible Lexington, Ky., He is a former editor of Front Rank. A widower, his son, E. Hugh Young, is pastor of Oak Park Church, Oak Park, Ill.

▲ Walter Hehl, minister of education at First Church, Longview, Tex., has begun duties as minister of education of First Church, Lubbock, Tex., where Dudley Strain is pastor.

▲ Kenneth Jones, minister of First Christian Church, Childress, Tex., has been named minister of the newly established fourth Christian church, Lubbock. A 1956 graduate of Brite College of the Bible at Texas Christian University, Mr. Jones is a Timothy of Central Christian Church in Dallas.

A Robert E. Winger, who has been serving as pastor of First Church, Nebraska City, has begun duties as the associate minister of West Side Church, Wichita, Kan. Mr. Winger received his B.A. degree from Manhattan Bible College, Manhattan, Kan., and his B.D. degree from Phillips University, Enid, Okla.

▲ Pat Sutter became minister of the South Joplin, Mo., Christian Church June 1.

For the past year he has served as minister of religious education of the church. Prior to that time he was minister of the First Church, Poteau, Okla.

Jack H. C. Clark from Humeston, Iowa, to Bentonville, Ark., June 14.

Raymond E. Lambert, from Central Church, Pine Bluff, to Wood Memorial Church, Van Buren, Ark., April 15.

Robert C. Williams from De Queen, to Ballinger, Tex.

Ira D. Crewdsen, Little Rock, Ark., o Traverse City, Mich., ad interim ministry.

Joseph B. Hunter, Little Rock, Art to Salida, Colo., ad interim ministry. Robert Baker, from Christian Church, ewport, Tenn., to First Christian Church, Phillipsburg, April 5.

Wilbert E. Dunlap, from Grandview Christian Church, Kansas City, Kan., to Central Avenue Christian Church, Parsons, Kan., June.

Robert Minshall, from Lamont Christian Church, Lamont, Okla., to First Christian Church, Bonner Springs, Kan.,

Curtis W. Lee, from Denver, Colo., First Christian Church, Stinnett,

W. D. Beaves, from First Christian Church, Floydada, to Central Christian Church, Elgin, Tex.

J. E. Montgomery, from Urbandale Christian Church, to Woodland Chris-tian Church, Longview, Tex.

Ken Britt, to First Christian Church, Van Alstyne, Tex.

Claude C. McDonald, from Oklahoma, to First Christian Church, Iowa Park,

Wayne Selser, from Central Christian Church, Galveston, to South Broadway Christian Church, Denver, Colo.

William Fester, from First Christian Church as director of education, to Vine Street Christian Church, Nashville, Tenn., as minister of Christian educa-tion, July 1.

Berlin Hanks, from Lynchburg College as student to Boones Mill Christian Church, Richmond, Va., as minister.

Harold Edwards, sasciate minister of First Church, Abilene, Tex., to First Church, Tyler, Tex., July 15, as associate minister.

Ames Myers, from Mason City, Iowa to First Christian Church, Ada, Okla-homa, July 1.

Leslie L. Bowers, Jr., from Christian Church, Ravenna, Oh First Christian Church, Greeley, Ohio, to

Elmer N. Earley, from First Christian Church, Buffalo, Okla. to Park Hill Christian Church, Pueblo, Colo., May. Jim D. McCall, to First Christian Church, Hartshorne, Okla., Feb. 15.

J. Vernen Wheeler, from Henryetta, Okla., to Community Christian Church, Ponca City, Okla.

M. L. Jeffers, from De Soto, Mo. to Doniphan, Mo., May 3.

Curtis Lee, from director of religious education, Central Church, Denver, to minister, First Church, Stinnett, Tex.

M. Rebert Warren, from National Avenue Church, Springfield, Mo., to Washington Boulevard Christian Church, Beaumont, Tex., May 17.

Henry L. Beckfeller, from Huntsville, la., to First Christian Church, New-Ala., to Fir bern, Tenn.

Charles L. Woodall, to McLemore venue Christian Church, Memphis, Avenue May 31.

J. E. Matrow, from Handley Meadow-brook Christian Church, Fort Worth, Tex., to Donelson Christian Church, Donelson, Tenn., April 12.

Jack H. C. Clark, Humeston, Iowa, to Bentonville, Ark., June 14. Themas M. Palmer, Excelsior Springs, Mo., to Harrison, Ark., Feb. 24.

Charles Kincaid, Omega, Okla., to Berryville, Ark., June 1.

Raymond E. Lambert, Central Church, Pine Bluff, Ark., to Wood Memorial Church, Van Buren, Ark., April 15.

Selden Blackbura, Prescott, Ark., to Idabel, Okla., June 1.

Charles A. Bayta, Memorial Church

Charles A. Davis, Memorial Church, Fort Worth, Tex., to Wright Avenue Church, Little Rock, Ark., March 15.

Ira A. Kirk, Rocky Mount, N. C., to Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, Ark., May 1.

Robert C. Williams, De Queen, Ark., to Ballinger, Tex., April 1.

Vernon A. Hammond, Dardanelle, Ark., to Gurdon, Ark., March 15.

Ray W. Sawyer, from Madera, Calif., to First Christian Church, Richmond, Calif., July 1.

Franklin L. Hall, minister at Montgomery City. Mo., to Garfield Memorial Church, Falls Church, Va.

B, F. Conley, from First Church, Stigler, Okla., to First Christian Church, Longley, Okla.

Donald C. Brewer, assistant minister of Vine St. Christian Church, Nashville, Tenn., to First Church, Albany, Ga., June 1.

Ted C. Harris, to Lawrenceville, Ga. (name of church unknown), March 22.

Ernest B. Nelsen, from First Church, Centropolis, Kan., to First Christian Church, Courtland, Kan.

Fred W. Paxton, from the Oakland Christian Church, Topeka, Kan., to Sunset Hills Christian Church, Kansas City, Kan., June 1.

Centennial

BLUFFTON, OHIO-The church of Christ *(Disciples) here celebrated its 100th anniversary June 14, when a new organ was dedicated. Frank Ransdall was the speaker.

E. J. Penhorwood, minister of the Bluffton Church some 38 years ago, brought the centennial message. Earl D. Luginbuhl, minister of Christian education of Central Church, Lima, and a Timothy of the Bluffton congregation, also participated. Paul McComber is the pastor. -PAUL N. RUNK

Whitnaries —

Freeman L. Pettit

Freeman L. Pettit, 87, a Christian church minister for 55 years, died May

Mr. Pettit had served churches in Nebraska, Indiana and Kansas. He was born in Dearfield, Ohlo, and for the past two years had been living in White Swan, Wash. He retired at the age of 78.

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Mr. Pettit received his education at Cotner College and Yale University.

Mrs. Pettit, who survives him, has been serving as business manager of the Yakima Indian Christian Mission near White Swan and for seven years was associated with the Department of Institutional Missions of the United Christian Missionary Society. Also surviving is a, son.

John D. Hoy

John D. Hoy, Jr., president of the Christian Men's Fellowship of Bethany Christian Church, Fort Worth, Tex., died in a Galveston, Tex., hospital May 22 of burns received in the explosion of a B-58 bomber at the Convair Aircraft Plant, Fort Worth, May 14.

An electrical engineer, Mr. Hoy and the test crew were checking the electrical system of the plane when the accident occurred.

Mr. How was a deacon of the church

Mr. Hoy was a deacon of the church and chairman of the building committee. He is survived by his wife, a daughter five and a son two.

Dr. Jennie Crozier Stead

Dr. Jennie Crozier Stead, medical missionary in India from 1904 to 1933, chiefly in the Jackman Memorial Hospi-tal, Bilaspur, died April 12, 1959, in Glendale, Calif., at the age of 84.

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TAMPA, FLA.-Membership of University Christian Church, Temple Terrace here, held ground-breaking services in April and work is in progress on the new building.

A dedicatory, congregational reading preceded the moment of the unison ground breaking in which some 200 persons participated as the soil was turned.

The first building of the six-unit, campus-style church will be fellow-

Among the participants were: Mrs. Ella Neeley, senior member; Bernard Pritchett, chairman, Christian education; Mrs. L. R. Marlin, member of First Church, Tampa; John C. Faust, minister; Lawrence Ashley, secretary, Florida Christian Missionary Society.

Heads Fla. Convention

Leonard W. Boynton was elected president of the state convention of Florida Christian Churches at the 68th annual assembly in Tampa.

Mr. Boynton is minister of First Christian Church in Tampa and served as host pastor for the '59 con-

Mrs. John Updegraff of Fort Lauderdale and Harold Clark of Jacksonville were named first and second vice-presidents and Miss Mabel Hendrickson of Ocala was re-elected secretary. Gilford D. Miller of Miami was renamed registrar.

Mr. Boynton has been pastor of the Tampa church since February



-Culver-Stockton News Photo

PRINCIPALS in Commencement week end at Culver-Stockton College are pictured following the commencement service June 1. From left: Dr. William Jackson Jarman, baccalaureate speaker and recipient of an honorary doctor of divinity degree; Dr. J. Clare Hanna, who received an honorary doctor of humanities degree; Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet, chairman of the Culver-Stockton board of trustees; President Fred Helsabeck; and Dr. Thomas Phillips Johnson, commencement speaker and recipient of an honorary doctor of laws degree.

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Pastoral Care Institute

FORT WORTH-The second Pastoral Care Institute for ministers and senior seminary students will be conducted at Texas Christian University here July 20 through Aug. 7.

Sponsored by Brite College of the Bible, the three-week course will provide training in such areas as ministering to the sick, counseling with students and youth and pastoral care of shut-ins and older peo-

Dr. Charles F. Kemp, distinguished professor of pastoral care at TCU, is in charge of the summer program.

Among featured lecturers is Dr. Wayne Oates, national authority in the field of pastoral psychology and professor at the Southern Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He will lecture on the theme, "The Loving Pastor."

"Pastoral Care in the Local Church" will be discussed by Dr. Forrest Richeson, minister of First Christian Church, Minneapolis, Minn. Afternoon sessions will include

films on mental health and religion which will serve as the basis for a case study seminar.

Full scholarships are available to ministers attending the Institute, which offers two hours of credit upon completion of the course. Applications should be made to Dr. Elmer D. Henson, dean of Brite College of the Bible, TCU.

Ga. Honored Minister



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Valdosta, Ga., in conjunction with the International Convention, the Pension Fund and twenty-one Christian churches, presented to Owen Livengood the Honored Minister's Pin. He had served 22 churches over a period of 19 years years following retirement from resident ministry.

From left, are: Mrs. William C. Culpepper, CWF president; Mrs. Owen Livengood; Mr. Livengood; and Eugene F. Greneker, Jr., chairman of the board.

New Ohio Church

CLEVELAND-The tenth new congregation to be started under the current new church program of the Ohio Christian Missionary Society was chartered May 24.

Olmsted Christian Church is the new congregation, now meeting in an elementary school in a suburban area 15 miles southwest of Cleveland. Ray Wolford, director of the Ohio new church program, is serving as organizing pastor. The congregation held its first worship service three months before the chartering service at which fifty persons became members.

Many of the members of the new church had long been inactive church members. Only one other church, organized in 1835, is in the large Olmsted Falls and Olmsted Township area.

Herald B. Monroe, general secretary of the Ohio Society, gave the principal address. Over 200 persons were in attendance, representing thirteen Christian Churches in the greater Cleveland area.

The Cleveland Disciples Union is co-sponsoring the Olmsted Church.-CLYDE H. EVANS

CTS Professor to Make City Study

Rector on Leave

INDIANAPOLIS-Professor Franklin E. Rector, head of the department of church and social structure at Christian Theology Seminary has been granted a Sabbatical leave by the Seminary and awarded a faculty fellowship grant by the American Association of Theological Schools for the 1959-60 academic year.

The post-doctoral study and research in six metropolitan areas of the U.S. will be in the field of population trends as related to church strategy.

Advance study is to be done in the Population Research and Training Center, University of Chicago, in the field of demography, particularly as it relates to the strategy of the Protestant Church in America in both rural and urban areas.

Course study will be done in the Fall and Winter quarters of residence in Chicago and the third quarter will be spent in field research in three classes of larger urban centers, including Detroit and Philadelphia, Kansas City and St. Louis, and Fort Worth and Dallas. A part of the third quarter and the remainder of the academic year will be spent in the analysis of data and in writing.

The A.A.T.S. makes available faculty fellowships for faculty members in accredited theological schools.

Funds have been made available for this grant by the Sealantic Fund, Inc., and are of sufficient size along with sabbatical leave privileges to support the recipient during a full academic year of study, research or travel and to encourage accomplishment of significant writing in the chosen field.

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Darrell K. Wolfe (second from right), a vice-president of the Christian Board of Publication and director of the Bethany Press, received an honorary Doctor of Literature degree from Texas Christian University at commencement exercises. Following the reading of the citation

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by D. Ray Lindley, newly elected president of TCU (left), M. E. Sadler, recently named chancellor (right), awarded the degree and Dean Cortell Holsapple of the Evening College of TCU (second from left), assisted in the hooding.

GROWING WITH GRANDMA

STAMPS

MY GRANDSON, Melvin, collects stamps. Some day he hopes to have the largest collection on earth. The different colors and designs fascinate him so much he will sit for hours just looking at them.

He is always on the alert for new ones and he can tell at a glance if he has one in his collection like any new ones I find for him. Maybe I'm getting the "stamp fever" too. A stamp had always just been a stamp to me before but now with all the new ones coming out the outside of my letters is getting about as interesting as the inside and every stamp is becoming something special.

They even remind me of people. They vary in value, the worth of each individual stamp being set by authority. The purpose of each one is to carry a message. Some messages are sad, some full of joy, love or encouragement. The special delivery stamps have a special, urgent message.

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by Gladys Douchant

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OFFICIAL REPORT

A small voice, telephoning school principal: "Tommy Jackson will not be at school today. He's sick." Principal: "Who's calling.

Principal: "Who's calling, please?"

Voice: "My daddy."
—THE JARVISONIAN

Civilization is a system under which a man pays a quarter to park his car so he won't be fined a dollar

while spending a dime for a nickel cup of coffee. "THE CALL." MCLU

PLEDGES

"I never make pledges,"
Was his retort
To the deacons who called
For his church fund
support.

"The reason," he continued,

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The human race: Pedestrian trying to outrun a driver.

-QUOTE



"Oh, Oh. . . . Pve got to hurry home or I'll miss my dinner!"

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FIRST FOR BUTTRICK

Sermons Preached in a University Church. By George A. Buttrick. Abingdon Press. 222 pages. \$3.75.

For a preacher as famed as Dr. Buttrick it is surprising to realize that this is his first published volume of sermons. Yet if the reader is careful to study the preface and understand what George Buttrick conceives is the nature of preaching. he can understand also why he is famed for his craft and why this volume is a singular contribution to the enormous literature of homiletics.

Of the incessant stream of published sermons, most books are froth and foam, containing little nourishment, flickering for the moment in the sun and soon blinking into oblivion. Not so with this preaching. Here is a collection of sermons which will survive the rush of today. They are in the great tradition of Christian preaching.

First, these sermons are rifle shots at a particular group at a particular time, not scatterguns fired aimlessly with the hope that someone will be "hit." They are university sermons, and perhaps the best proof of how effective they were when preached is the considerable row that was stirred up at Harvard by self-styled liberals who protested that religion had no place in a free university. They would not have howled if they had not been hit.

Harry Emerson Fosdick once confessed to a class in homiletics that he considered the Harvard Chapel the most difficult audience he ever preached to, and advised that the best way to secure the attention of such a group was to slip up on their blind side and take them by sur-prise. George Buttrick obviously never heard this advice.

The sermons are frontal, head-on attacks on some of the most cherished intellectual superstitions of our day: Who Owns the Earth? ("Our generation says flatly, 'The earth is man's.'"); The Authority of Jesus ("The college woman came with her thoughtful comment: 'So many voices! Which shall I follow?""); The Thirst for God ("Modern idols are not made of wood and stone: they are made of concepts spelled with a capital letter, such concepts as Values or Progress. But they have as little power as a totem pole at last to answer us").

The casual reader may suppose that the charm of Buttrick's preaching is in his vast resource of illustration. These are the ornaments which first attract attention and captivate the imagination. But a closer examination of the compelling force of these sermons, the "craft" of them, will show that every illustration has behind it a structural necessity of thought and argument.

The illustrations are given to reveal Christian truth. The range of them is immense, from space ships to the multiplied lenses in a butterfly's eye, from Aristotle and Milton to Auden and Sarte; from television to tadpoles. And, above all, the Bible. Buttrick not only exposes the Bible, but through the Bible exposes

These are "university" sermons. They could not be preached to most congregations. They would be styled "thoughty" or "too deep," They could not even be preached to many college groups.

Yet every preacher should study this book. It will restore his faith in the power of vital preaching. It will refresh and exercise his mind. It will remind him of the great heritage of faith begging for exposition to his own people. It will drive him back to his books, and most of all to the Bible as the unfailing cruse of preaching. it may lead him again to the feet of Christ, our only true authority for preaching.-WILLIAM J. JARMAN

ARRESTING PICTURE

A Genuinely Human Existence. By Stephen Neill. Doubleday. 312 pages. \$4.50.

A genuinely human existence is available to all Christians if they would understand and know Jesus Christ, "this is the most precious thing that life affords." Such is Bishop (Anglican) Neill's thesis and for its documentation he ably draws from his encyclopedic mind and classical background. Unfortunately, too little New Testament information is provided to get a clear picture of Jesus.

In places Jesus is described as the embodiment of the classical virtues -power, courage, leadership, humility-and in others as the urbane English gentleman, a man of moderation. The consequent picture of Christ is rather quaint and sometimes arresting. One sentence stands out as a bolt of lightning in a shower of words: "Jesus is a rebel. but he is always a courteous and constructive rebel."

Nonetheless the book does provide hours of interesting reading. person soon understands his own Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde personality, his enemies of fear, frustration, and resentment, and his own perfect freedom. This book should be highly recommended for hours of leisurely study, a genteel pastime almost forgotten in our existential concern for life.-JACK E. SCHWEIZER

BIG MESSAGE

The Ministry of Preaching. By Roy Pearson. Harper and Brothers. 127 pages. \$2.25.

In this volume the Dean of Andover-Newton Theological School does what the name of the book suggests: He turns the sermon into an instrument of service. Dean Pearson presents preaching not as a profession but as a ministry.

For its brevity, the book is surprisingly comprehensive. It deals with such matters as the purpose of the sermon, its content, and its context (within the church), its pastoral and prophetic functions; it also deals with a preacher's credentials and with the craft of sermon preparation and delivery. While the book cannot serve as substitute for a careful course in sermon construction, it does give a realistic and yet inspirational perspective, a mountain-top eminence from which to view the sermon in most of its relationships. And this view is not untouched by grandeur.

The style is always lucid, epigrammatic. The thought is organized, the language disciplined. makes it possible for a tiny volume to carry a big message.—Dwight E.

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Planned in Minnesota **Announced at Convention**

Project for Indians

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN .- A camp for underprivileged Indian children of Minnesota was sponsored and conducted as a "pilot project" by the Christian Churches of Minnesota and Fargo, N. D. The camp included 45 Indian children and leaders. It was conducted at Tipi Wakan, Lake Minnetonka, for four days beginning

Three hundred twenty-seven delegates registered for the state convention in St. Paul, May 2, 3. The president was Morgan Sly, pastor of Minnehaha Church, Minneapolis. Among the guest speakers were: Warner Muir, of University Church, Des Moines; Roland K. Huff, of the United Society staff, Indianapolis; and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Snipes, missionaries in the Belgian Congo.

William K. Evans, Austin layman, and Herschell Richmond, Rochester pastor, were elected president and vice-president, respectively, of next year's convention to be held in Sterling Church, Austin, April 30-May 1.

Re-elected officers of the state board of the Minnesota Christian Missionary Society were: Oscar Rolstad, First Church, Minneapolis, president; Paul Frahm, Mankato pastor, vice-president; Mardell Jackson, Minnehaha church, Minneapolis, secretary; and Howard Griffith, First Church, Minneapolis, treasurer. Lloyd J. Allen is completing his first year of service as executive secretary.-Forrest L. Richardson.

Books Received

Foundations of the Responsible Seciety. By Walter G. Muelder. Abingdon Press. 304 pages. \$6.

The Larger Parish and Group Ministry. By Marvin T. Judy. Abingdon Press. 175 pages. \$3.

Getting Ready for Tomorrow. By Charles M. Crowe. Abingdon Press. 160 pages. \$2.75.

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House of the Lord (Record). By the Roger Wagner Chorale. Capitol Records, Inc. \$4.98. God's Trombones (Record). By James Weldon Johnson. Fred Waring. Decca Records. \$3.98. Organ Reverles (Record). By Leonard Greenway. Singspiration. \$3.85. The Hely City (Record). By Jerome Hines. RCA Victor. \$3.98. (All above records available through Christian Board of Publication).

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-ALEXANDER CAMPBELL



Keep Up With Members

Editor, The CE-FR:

Here in the East where our movement is relatively weak, we do not have churches in every residential area, hence many of our loyal folks must travel considerable distances to attend church.

In discussing means of solving this problem, it is the unanimous thought of the board of directors of the Christian Evangelistic Society of Allegheny County, that the editors of our nationally distributed weekly brotherhood papers should frequently editorialize on this most important theme, aiming their remarks particularly at the preachers, who would write immediately to their fellow-preacher into whose city one of his church families is moving so that the local members can be on the job when the family arrives in town and before a variety of influences and pressures gets them started attending other churches.

The secondary aim of the editorials should be to the members themselves reading the papers, urging them to look up a Christian church promptly when moving into another area and insist in their family planning that conviction rather than convenience guide in their selection of a new church home.—Howard F. Buchheit, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Total Recognition

Editor, The CE-FR:

The letters of Brethren McClure and Brown in the Dec. 15, 1958, issue of The Christian-Evangelist have happy indications. Both hunger for total brotherhood recognition.

Sixty-two years ago, when I became a Christian under the ministry of the Disciples I was fully convinced that the "Restoration Movement" is a movement to the unity of all Christians. But, unhappily, many of our brethren have moved into reverse.

The first lesson Paul pressed home to the hearts of the divided and con-

fused Galatians was that, "You are all one in Christ Jesus." We are therefore Christian brethren, and we must refrain from separatist judgments and withdrawing from and excluding others. We are strictly forbidden to speak evil of them. (James 4:11.)

Our divisions are "among" us as were the divisions of the Corinthians. The Church of Christ is not divided. Our disunity is only our human think so. But I have feared much lest we have added wood, hay and stubble to the divine structure only to suffer loss in the burning fires of the great day. We have been judging before the time. (1 Cor. 4:5.)

Some of the apostles were unlearned. But they were directed by the Holy Spirit in the selection of their subject matter, and in their choice of words, and in the different tongues they spoke. Their educational needs were, in large measure, bestowed directly by the Spirit of God.

We have to learn of Christ and of his divinity indirectly. We this side of the apostolic days are under necessity to study hard and long and patiently to know the subject, and the words, and the tongues of the many nations where we minister. We must have a thorough knowledge of the Bible, be proficient in grammar and logic and sacred history. And the more of the world's arts and sciences the better.

Many able and worthy ministers suffer, undeservedly, for lack of degrees. I rejoice in the mellowing trend of our brotherhood. Time is short, and we are traveling at high speed. And it seems to me urgent that we all face up squarely to the facts of our weaknesses and mistakes, and free ourselves of the odium of the fruits of our bitter contentions.

The separation of the brethren who opposed instrumental music by 1906 and the withdrawal of others from the Memphis Convention in 1926 were terrifically unwise and unscriptural movements. The bitter contentions and confusions that fol-

lowed have done an untold injury to all of us. They are a heavy burden on the physical, mental and financial resources of our brethren. They have quenched the spirit of thousands.

I have studied this question for sixty years, and I am unable to find a single passage of scripture that can support any man or set of men while they withdraw or exclude a Christian from the fellowship of the church.

These actions carry with them judgments and settings at naught that are strictly forbidden in the New Testament. On just such matters as have tortured us the scripture plainly says: "Therefore, do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes." (1 Cor. 4:5.)

Samuel was a prophet to all Israel, whether they were true or untrue. Isaiah and Jeremiah never withdrew from their brethren. Daniel held fast as a prophet and minister to all Israel and to the whole world. He was himself involved. He prayed, "O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, give heed and act; delay not, for thy own sake, O my God, because thy city and thy people are called by thy name."

This total recognition of brother-hood and of responsibility is carried into the New Testament. Paul says to the confused Corinthians: "For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future, all are yours; and you are Christ's; and Christ is God's." (1 Cor. 3:21-23.)

The Restoration movement of the early 1800's sought the unity of all Christians on the New Testament basis.

The withdrawals of our brethren have resulted in segregations on the basis of human sentiments.

To retain the brotherly attitude and spirit and message as did the prophets and apostles is the divine way. And much to be preferred to a shooting war.—M. WATTERWORTH, West Lorne, Ontario, Canada.

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LET'S TALK IT OVER

by F. E. Davison

QUESTION: Since you are now an interim state secretary, what is your opinion of your new role and the work of state secretaries in general?

ANSWER: By the time this answer gets into print I will have served the four months for which I was called and will no longer be a state secretary. The Indiana churches will no doubt thank God and take courage.

For me, those four months presented a new and rewarding experience. It gave me a new look at the churches of my native state and a new fellowship with their pastors. I was privileged to worship and work in some of our large city churches, some county-seat churches and not a few of those churches located in the open coun-

I found that most of these churches face a great challenge and also many problems. Some of these problems center around indifferent church members or offi-

cious church officers.

Occasionally the problems talked over with the state secretary center around a pastor who seems to be failing in his work but will not or cannot hear a call to another field. In such a case the state secretary is blamed by the minister if he even listens to the church committee and the committee blames the secretary if he does not find another church for the minister and make him move.

A state secretary often gets blamed for trying to be a bishop. No secretary that I know has any ambitions along that line but considering all the things churches and pastors want him to do he would need to be a pope, instead of a bishop, to accomplish them.

When conferring with a pulpit committee of a small country church I started the conference with the question, "What kind of a minister do you want?"

One good lady on the committee said, "We want the perfect minister." To this I replied, "It so happens that just now I am employed and cannot consider the pastorate of your church. Where do we go from here?"

Churches are looking for perfect pastors who are expected to live on very imperfect salaries and many ministers are looking for greener fields than they now have. It should also be stated that some ministers are diligently cultivating the field they now have and making those pastures very green.

Any state secretary that is not acquainted with the program and procedures of his brotherhood will be lost in the wilderness. In fact, he must be wise enough and energetic enough to help make these programs and procedures and then, in the true spirit of cooperation, see to it that his state carries such programs to completion.

The true state shepherd of the sheep will try to lead his churches and ministers and not try to drive them. He may have to use the shepherd's crook occasionally to keep the sheep from tramping on the toes of each other and maybe to jerk some rambunctious ram back into line. He is the good shepherd only when the people know his voice and are glad to hear that voice. He must remember that he is the servant of the One who came not to be ministered unto but to minister.

There are times when the state secretary is called upon to play the role of a judge-not that he hands down decrees but that he tries to get contending parties to seek a Christian solution to their differences. To do this he must be stern but kind, forthright but yielding, and sober but occasionally throw in a bit of humor.

More than likely he will find that the real bone of contention is not the one they are gnawing on in his presence, but it is much deeper and of much longer standing than the question of what color paint they are going to use and from what store the paint should have been purchased to save the church ten cents a gallon.

The real problem no doubt lies in two families or two cliques, each of which wants to make all the decisions for the church. If the state secretary can expose the dictators without letting anyone know what he is doing, he is indeed a genius and should receive a raise in salary.

Speaking of exposing dictators, a state secretary should look in the mirror each morning to see if there is any indication that he is growing in that direction. He works with people-his state board, his brotherhood agencies, the ployees in the state office and the members of his staff. He is worthy of his high office only as he considers those with whom he works as a part of the team.

What do I think about state secretaries and their jobs? To be a good state secretary takes the wisdom of a Solomon, the courage of a Daniel, the strength of a Samson, the faith of an Abraham (many times he will not know where he is going), the patience of a Job and the "swept-wings" of a Gabriel.

It was because I was so lacking in all these categories that I only lasted four months. At least at the end of that period I am able to tell the other boys how to do it. I am sure they will!



